

## CALVARY RECREATED--TWENTIETH CENTURY CRUCIFIXION

Scripture: Hebrews 6:4-6; 10:26, 29

### Introduction

There is great peril in allowing the Gospel and the many things related to it to become common. When the gospel ceases to be good news, and the relationship with Christ ceases to be fresh and vital, then your soul is in grave danger.

The twentieth century crucifixion begins. A soul begins to fall away from Christ. He is preparing to **crucify to...himself...the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.** Calvary is about to be recreated.

### I. Falling away from Christ

#### A. Many have noble ambitions to follow Christ

##### 1. The Jewish Christians

- a. Had been saved, Spirit-filled
- b. Persecuted by family, friends
- c. Returned to Judaism
- d. Became an enemy of Christianity

##### 2. One must have more than ambition

#### B. The price of following sometimes seems too high

Wise is the man who trades that which he cannot keep for that which he cannot lose.

-Jim Elliot-

##### 1. The rich young ruler

- a. A man of means, culture, and integrity
- b. Had spiritual ambition

**What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?**

Mark 10:17

##### c. The price of spiritual attainment

**Sell whatsoever thou hast and give to the poor...and come, take up the cross and follow me.**

Mark 10:21

##### d. Christ forsaken

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2. Ananias and Sapphira

a. Were willing to make a partial sacrifice

b. Lied to the Holy Spirit

c. Lost lives and souls

3. Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or home, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children for the kingdom of God's sake, Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come, life everlasting.

Luke 18:29-30

a. Spiritual gain comes only from losing ones self

b. Many cannot apply the gain through loss principle

II. How Christ is crucified afresh

If we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins.

Hebrews 10:26

A. Calvary not isolated in the first century

1. Characters in initial drama do not bear all the blame

2. Willfull sinner equally guilty

B. Willfull sin places you at Calvary

1. Done with full knowledge of penalty

2. With disregard for Jesus' provision for sin

3. Presumes on God's mercy

C. Willfull sin can be one of ommission as well as comission

Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

James 4:17

- II. How Christ is crucified afresh  
D. Wilfull sin tends toward apostasy

III. The irrevocability of apostasy

Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

Hebrews 10:29

- A. The apostate sins with knowledge
1. Rejects all he has stood for
    - a. Enlightenment
    - b. Tasted of the heavenly gift
    - c. Partaker of the Holy Ghost
    - d. Tasted the word of God and power of the world to come
    - e. Rejects all these
  2. Chooses fellowship with iniquity
- B. The sins of the apostate
1. Makes Jesus a "doormat"
  2. Counts the blood and ensuing salvation to be worthless
  3. Treats the Holy Spirit spitefully to the point of grieving Him
- C. The penalty of apostasy
1. Spiritual depravity and ruin
  2. Divine judgement

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hand of the living God.

Hebrews 10:31